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CERMANS TO BE TRIED.

It appears that the council of the Paris Peace Conference has determined to set up a court to try certain German leaders who are responsible for violation of accepted articles of war or who committed acts in violation of humanity.

Certainly the Allies are not crying for vengeance, either collectively or as individuals, but there is a general and natural feeling that no peace treaty can properly close the war without some official judgment against deeds of notorious inhumanity and bad faith, and that judgment, to be effective, must carry penalty to bear upon the wrongdoer in a manner commensurate with the transgression.

It is to be hoped that the prosecution will not settle upon a few minor personages, and hope to meet the situation by dealing with them while the real responsibility belongs to the men in command. The responsibility of some of these and their specific acts of destruction and brutality are unfortunately numerous and abundantly evidenced. Among them are such men as these:

Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, who is responsible for the deportations of Lille, Roubaix and Tourcoing, and who hanged civilians in Russian Poland.

General von Schubert, who collected old men and women and children in the hospital at Brouage and shelled them because they were "useless mouths," and then gave thirty-one girls to his officers.

Major von Billow, Aug. 22, 1914, said it was with his consent that 100 inhabitants of Ardennes were shot and the whole place burned. He was also the author of the massacre of Aerschot.

General von Mackensen ordered 1,000 Rumanian children to be shot on the ground that they had conspired against him, and is responsible for the execution of Rumanian notables and peasants.

Von Tirpitz is responsible for the earlier submarine sinkings, including the Lusitania.

Von Capelle for sinking hospital ships.

General von Manteuffel ordered the burning of Louvain.

General Klaus is responsible for the massacres of Gerberville and Fraimbois, and soaked a man with petroleum and burned him.

General von Stanger ordered all prisoners, even if taken in large numbers, to be put to death, and no living man to be left behind.

General von Blegen massacred 600 persons in Dinant, including little children and women.

These are a few of the men under public accusation. The court will undoubtedly limit itself strictly to the cases where the evidence is in its own hands and is conclusive. There will be no case for protest of "newspaper stories," nor are these more than illustrative instances. Doubtless the evidence will require the indictment of men still higher and possibly individuals much lower in position whose deeds were dastardly and flagrant. But the court cannot escape suspicion of being actuated by the spirit of revenge or personal animosity unless its final action can be accepted by the world as disposing once for all of the doctrine that might is right, or that the power to do wrong justifies the evil deed. That must be done before the ultimate purpose of the war is achieved in the condemnation of acts to be prevented for all time.

WE WILL PRESERVE AMERICA.

Gorge Washington, speaking of his army at Valley Forge said, "naked and starving as they are we cannot enough admire the incomparable patience and fidelity of the soldiery." Across the woodland and meadows of this historic spot all is peace now.

It was not always so. There was a day when men in ragged uniforms walked over the frozen snow with bleeding feet. There was a day when the leader of these men, who signed himself "G. Washington," was spending anxious days and worried nights over an unsolvable problem.

"How could his few and ragged and undisciplined irregulars meet and overcome the many and well equipped, trained regulars of the British empire stationed at Philadelphia, not far away?"

This man was gentle born. He lived in a beautiful home. He had plenty of money in the bank, and he had a wide circle of friends. Yet, he and this irregular band of men endured, fought and bled, and stood ready to die, in order that we might have our kind of America.

And when a collection of ignorant, unwashed foreign speaking wild men think that they are going to turn us their kind of America, that they can convert this free land into one of serfdom instead of a land where every man has a chance, and that it shall be a land of anarchy, they are fooling themselves.

Ninety-five per-cent. of us are Americans, not yet aroused, but with a determination still sleeping to see to it that this spectre of Bolshevism does not grasp this fair land.

WORK.

I am the foundation of all business. I am the fount of all prosperity. I am the parent of genius. I am the salt that gives life its savor. I have laid the foundation of every fortune in America, from Rockefeller's down. I must be loved before I can bestow my greatest blessings and achieve my greatest ends. Loved, I make life sweet and purposeful and fruitful. I can do more to advance a youth than his own parents, be they ever so rich. Fools hate me; wise men love me. I am represented in every loaf of bread that comes from the oven, in every train that crosses the continent, in every newspaper that comes from the press. I am the mother of democracy. All progress springs from me. Who am I? What am I? I am Work.

INVENTORS OF THE TANK.

There has been considerable discussion in England recently in respect of the rival claims submitted to the War Office relative to the invention of the so-called tanks, or armored fighting machines on land. As a matter of fact, the tank, like the submarine and the airplane, was invented in America. When the necessity for tanks arose their development was to be expected, as is the case with all trained minds should present nearly simultaneous solutions of the strategic problem presented.

The tank was invented by Rear Admiral B. A. Fiske of our navy. In an essay on "Naval Power" in the United States Naval Institute Proceedings in 1911 the concept of the tank was first presented by Admiral Fiske, as set forth on Page 594 of his autobiography, which has just appeared. This invention is the more remarkable from the fact that it is pure invention, deduced from strategic principles.

FLORIDA IS A MISSION FIELD.

Of the 1,000,000 people residing in Florida 750,000 are without church affiliations, according to an announcement by the Baptist 75 Million Campaign. On the 700 Baptist churches in that state 300 are homeless and one hundred worship in very dilapidated buildings. However, 111 houses of worship are under course of construction in that state and it is anticipated the ranks of the denomination will be greatly strengthened there as a result of this campaign.

Sunday October 26 has been designated as "Roosevelt Americanization Day" throughout the country. Ministers of all churches have been asked to observe the day in an appropriate manner and at this time the congregations will be called upon to contribute to the fund—those who have not contributed earlier. In handing in their contributions the church members are to give their names so that they will receive receipts which are membership certificates to the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

We speak of the crystallization of public sentiment or opinion because that takes place in the same mysterious way. You do not see the separate thoughts assume a certain shape, and add themselves silently to the concrete whole. We only know that it happens by some law of rhythmic affinity, and that after much confusion of thought and commotion of ideas people suddenly become united in one sovereign emotion. There is no sense of the process taking place. There is only from time to time the realization that it has greatly advanced toward its completion.

Key West is to get its water from Homestead by a pipe line. The supply of the other liquid comes by boat, we understand.

Palatka has no delegation at Tallahassee today pulling for Jacksonville, but its heart is in the contest, with hope that Jacksonville gets the location. The big centennial in the Florida metropolis would mean a great deal for the country all around.

The war is over but the bombardment of the average country editor with propaganda stuff shows no diminution.

One swallow doesn't make a summer, so what are we going to do for a summer next year when we can't even get one swallow?

Sleep is stated on high authority to be the best remedy for sleeplessness, despite the various remedies given by those who stay awake and expatiate on the efficacy of their plan.

When Ireland becomes independent the ship of state will doubtless be manned by a Cork's crew.

Tampa is planning to house visitors in tents this winter. This a good intent.

Pensacola may not get the centennial but she made a noise like she wanted it.

Tourists and prospective land owners are trooping to Florida. There is no better way to let them know what you have than through the columns of the newspapers.

If every state in the Union acts like Florida about the leper colony what will become of the poor unfortunate? California has provided two refuges for these people. Can Florida do less than take care of one? Under government control there is no danger of infection, scientists say—Palatka News.

If Florida had a statesman for a governor, nobody would ever have heard about the leper colony.—Ocala Star.

Today's dispatches tell of President Wilson's calling on the industrial conference for action and unity in trying to reach a common understanding. Whether collective bargaining is agreed on or not the status of the working man should be made clear. It is just as essential that labor enjoys a status of independence as it is capital. We can go to extremes either way.

While President Wilson's condition is not altogether alarming there is an undercurrent of pessimism in some of the reports of his condition. Never has this country been so seriously threatened by ill effects of the death of a President as in the present instance. It would be a calamity, indeed, if in His wisdom, the All High claimed Mr. Wilson now for a reward which he has long since earned.

We may mark the ending of summer by the calendar next Saturday night, but unless there is a very decided change in the status of the little strand of mercury this B. V. D. weather will not permit us to imagine it is winter time in Florida.

When Henry Grady first ran a newspaper a merchant told him he didn't want to advertise because no one read advertisements. The next morning every urchin in town was in front of the merchant's store with a cat or dog for sale. Grady had inserted a three line ad saying that the merchant would pay a good price for cats and dogs.

River transportation is becoming heavier and heavier, indicating the increasing population along the beautiful St. Johns. This is one of the reasons why the Clyde Line inaugurated its service to Crescent City earlier than usual this year, with the intimation that it might be made a permanent schedule.

EIGHT INDICTMENTS RETURNED BY JURORS

GRAND JURY RETURNS MANY NO BILLS ALSO

Civil Business Occupies Attention of Court Today—May Start Murder Trial.

Eight indictments were returned by the grand jury yesterday afternoon after a session lasting nearly the entire day. Two of those indicted, Henry Reddick and Lewy Ganzy, pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering and were sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. All of the others indicted pleaded not guilty.

Bills returned by the grand jury were as follows: Nat Richardson, murder, McKinley Walker, assault with intent to murder; Lulu Morrison, breaking and entering; W. L. Lee, perjury; Lacy Roundtree, grand larceny; Charles Hawkins, breaking and entering; Henry Reddick and Lewy Ganzy, breaking and entering.

Nat Richardson, indicted for the murder of Conductor Ray Butts, was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. As he has no council and no means of employing any the court appointed Messrs. Merryday and Walton to defend the prisoner. The case may be brought to trial this week, and will be of short duration, as there are few witnesses. The greater part of the time will be consumed in securing a jury.

The grand jury and petit jury serving at this term of court are:

Grand jury—T. B. Merrill, foreman; Oscar Smith, W. F. Sweat, C. E. Merwin, J. M. Bard, M. R. Ewers, R. B. Barber, J. W. Weeks, J. R. Cannon, C. E. Lively, W. Abrams, W. M. Mays, H. N. Hancock, J. H. Conway, Fred Hubner, J. J. Brown, A. P. Hancock, T. E. Strange.

K. M. White, M. C. Johnson, J. J. McGrady, L. M. Baldwin, A. L. Leyvraz, W. F. Rogers, W. H. Hornsby, L. L. Moody, A. M. Moody, M. Sauer, E. T. Brooks, E. E. Dodge, E. O. Earles, J. C. McWalters, R. A. Hines, E. A. Thomas, J. H. Johnson, J. P. Porter.

5,724 WAR ORDERS UNPAID.

Contracts Are Expected to be Liquidated for \$300,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The War Department still has on its hands 5,724 emergency contracts awaiting liquidation, according to a report issued today.

The amounts involved aggregate more than \$1,600,000,000, but the official schedule estimates that these contracts can be liquidated at a cost of \$300,000,000.

Since the armistice 22,611 contracts have been settled, with a total valuation of \$2,000,000,000, for which contractors were paid \$309,000,000 in the final settlement.

No cleverer comedy was ever presented on the screen than Victor Moore in "Snobs," which comes to the Arcade Thursday.

FISK SAILORS DISPLAY.

Attention of the public is called to the splendid display of the latest Fisk Sailors in the windows of my store. Special sale of these hats will be conducted on Saturday.

MISS KATE LUCAS.

REDS ARE WORKING AMONG THE NEGROES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Evidence in the session of the Government of the efforts of agitators of the I. W. W., Bolshevik, and radical Socialist groups to stir up discontent among the negroes, paralleling the agitation that is being carried on in industrial centres of the North and West, where there are many alien laborers. A well defined campaign is on to drive the negro voters out of the old political parties and line them up with radical groups.

The I. W. W. is using every propaganda that is possesses to win the negroes to that organization. The doctrines of Lenin and Trotsky are being circulated among negroes in all parts of the country. Those in charge of this are negroes, and two of the leaders, according to Federal officials, are former Harvard students now residents of New York City. As in the case of propaganda among white workers, the principal agencies used are newspapers, magazines, and so-called "negro betterment" organizations.

MINNIE HAUKE IN WANT.

Famous Opera Singer Blind and Poverty Stricken.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Minnie Hauke the famous American opera singer and creator of Carmen in London as well as in New York, where she was born nearly seventy-seven years ago, is blind and in want of funds at her present home in Switzerland, according to word received by former friends here yesterday. She appealed recently to Philip Holland, Consul at Basle, and through him to Pleasant A. Stovall, the American Minister at Berne.

In the letter which reached here she said that she was helpless through practical loss of eyesight and also of her property, having sold her jewelry and heavily mortgaged her estate, the value of which, if advantageously disposed of, she believed would support her declining years. Her home, the Villa Tribischen at Lucerne, is said to be the same in which Richard Wagner composed the love music of "Tristan and Isolde."

WARNS RACE SUICIDE.

English Priest Says Empire Must Not Be Stinted.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Father Vaughan, well known for his work among the poor of London, in a forceful address at today's session of the Congress on Tuberculosis Prevention aid: "It is terrible to think, when the death rate has exceeded the birth rate so greatly when the nurseries are aye and the divorce courts are clamorous, that tuberculosis is also making a heavy levy on human life."

"We should have throttled tuberculosis long ago. It is healthier in some of the slums of London than in the fashionable districts of Mayfair."

Referring to the decrease in the birth rate, Father Vaughan declared: "We want all the children possible. We do not want birth prevention, thus stunting the empire and making it a disgrace in God's eyes."

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